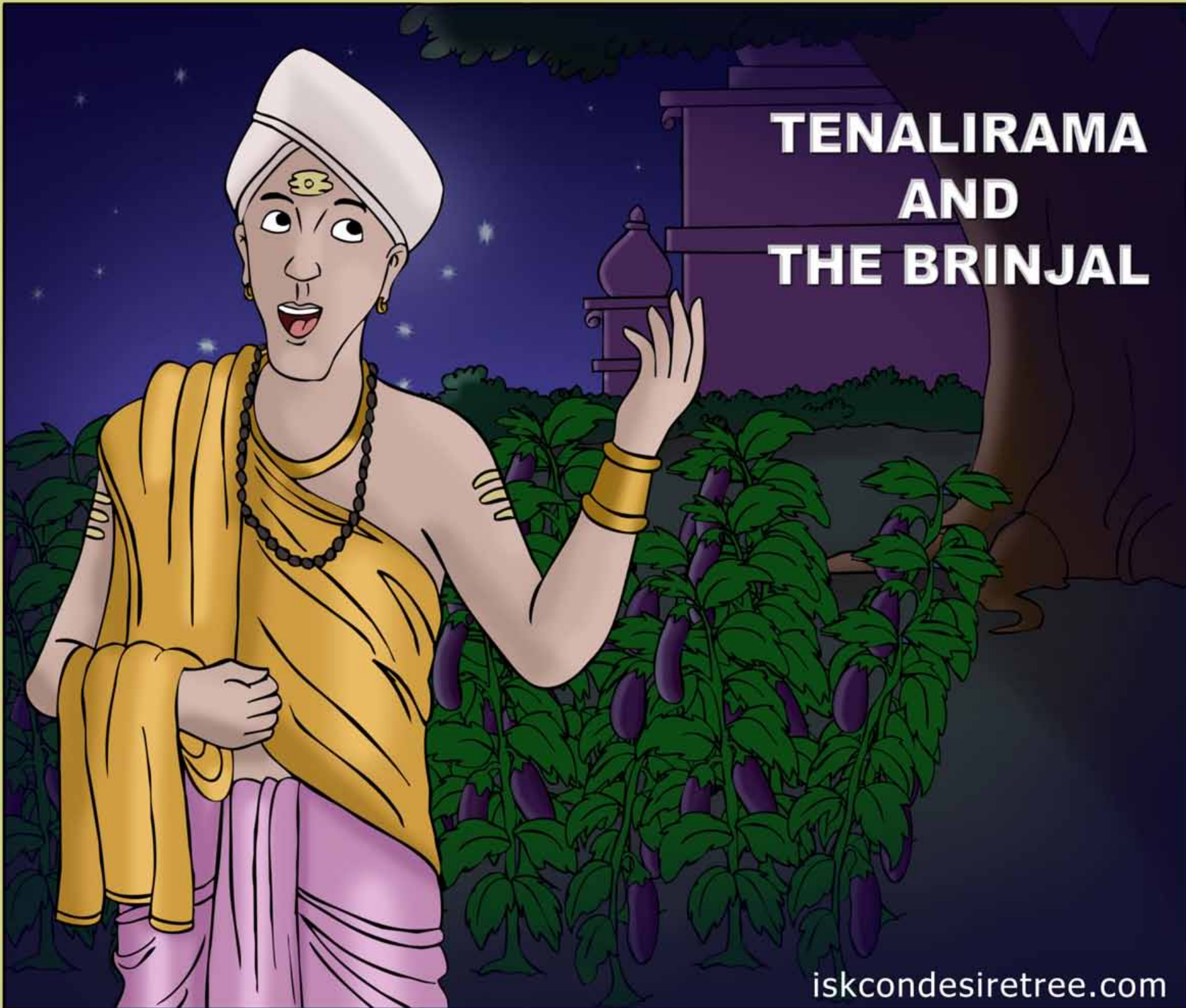


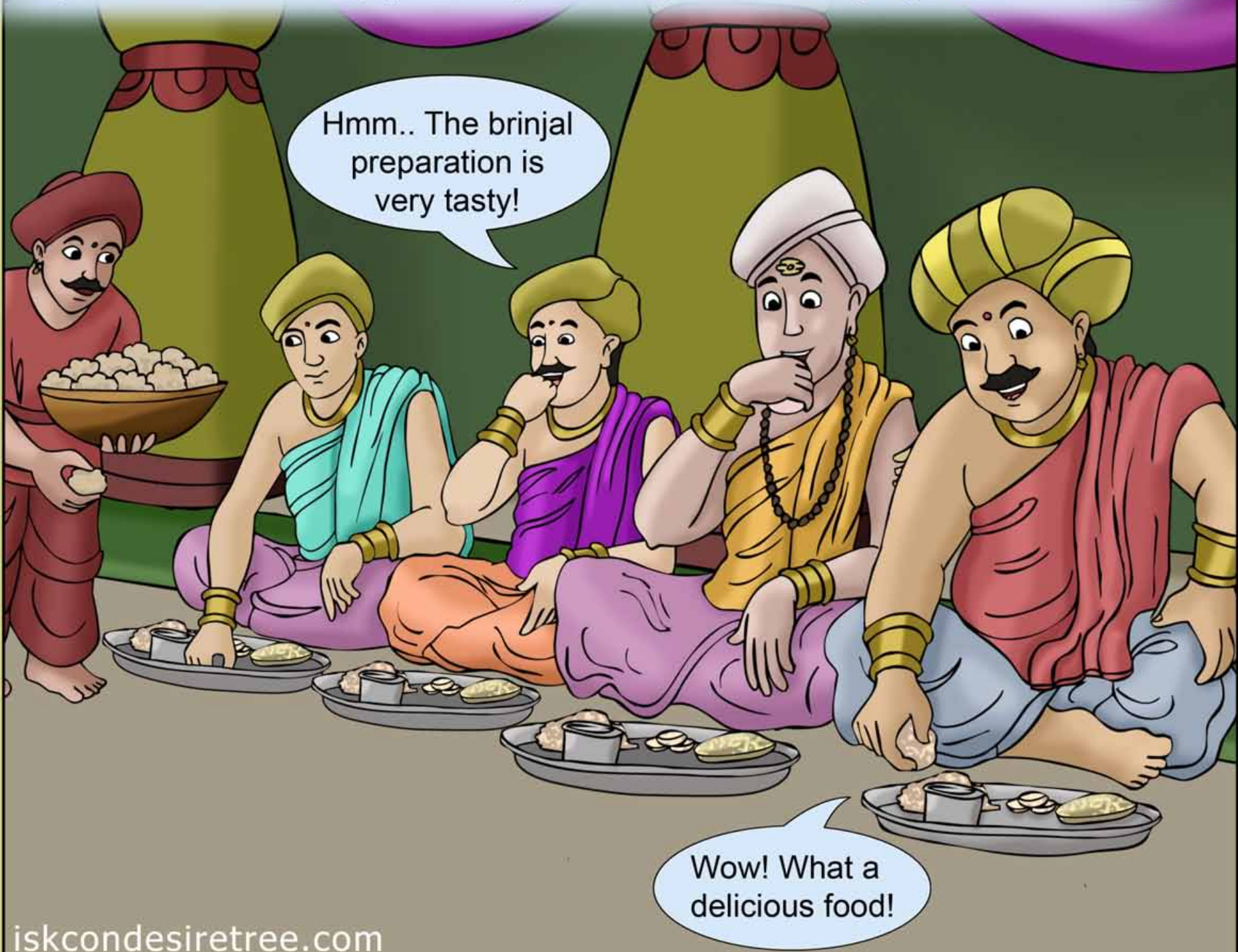
TENALIRAMA AND THE BRINJAL



King Krishna Dev Rai's most favorite vegetable was brinjal. He specially cultivated brinjal in a garden besides his palace.



One day the King invited the entire Ministry for dinner. The main dish was brinjal subji. All the ministers enjoyed the special brinjal from the royal garden.




After the dinner, all the ministers returned home. Tenalirama's wife was waiting at the door step of his house as he reached home very late.



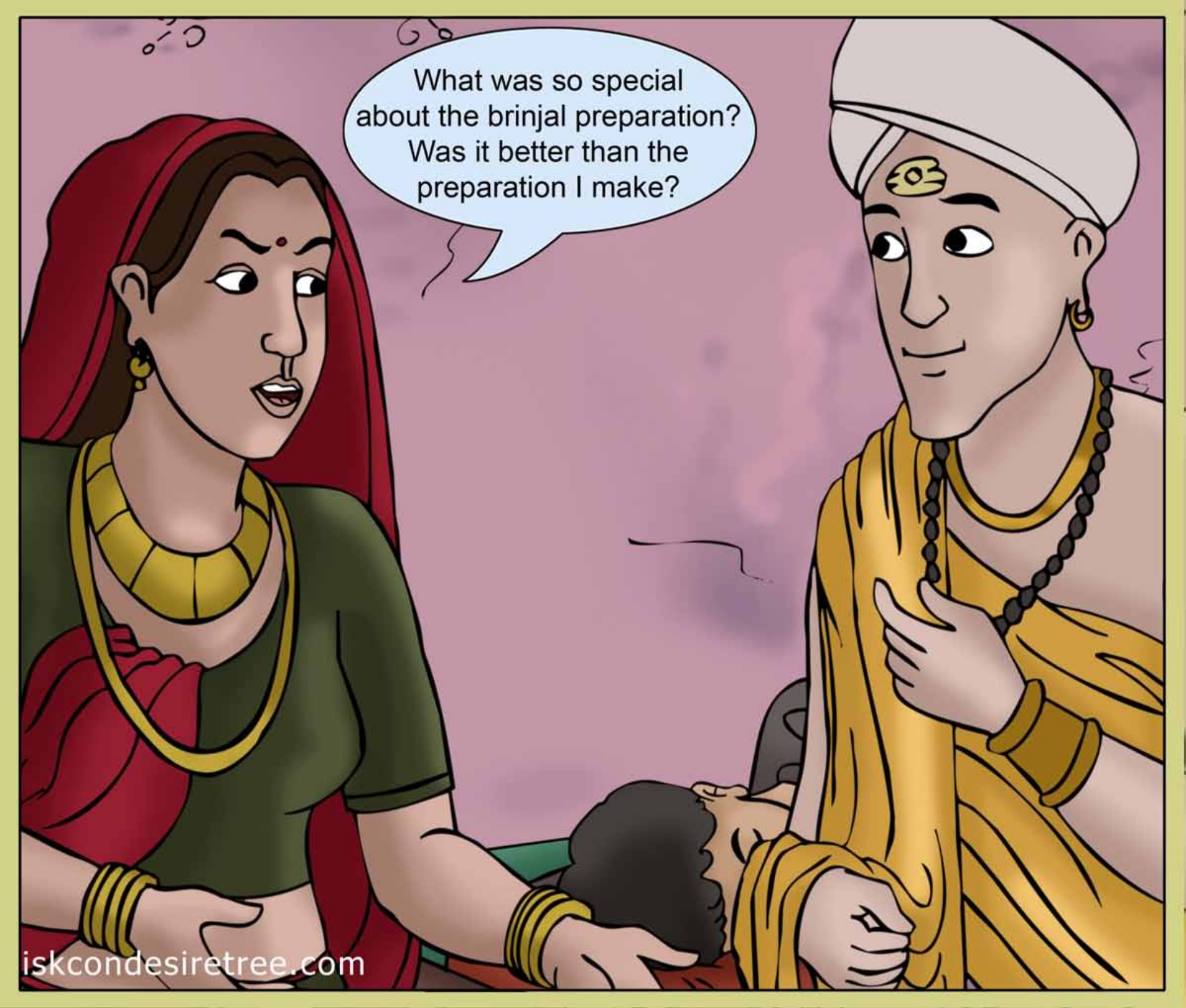
As soon as he reached home, his wife asked him...

You look very pleased.
What have you eaten
in the palace?





It was an excellent feast.
The best was the brinjal preparation.
Every one enjoyed the brinjal
the most

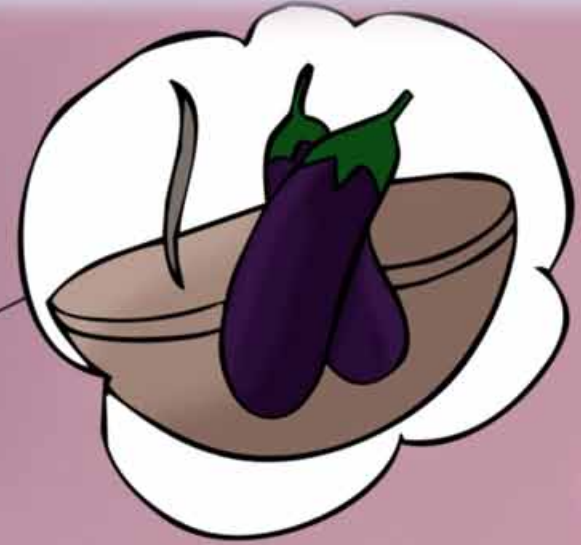


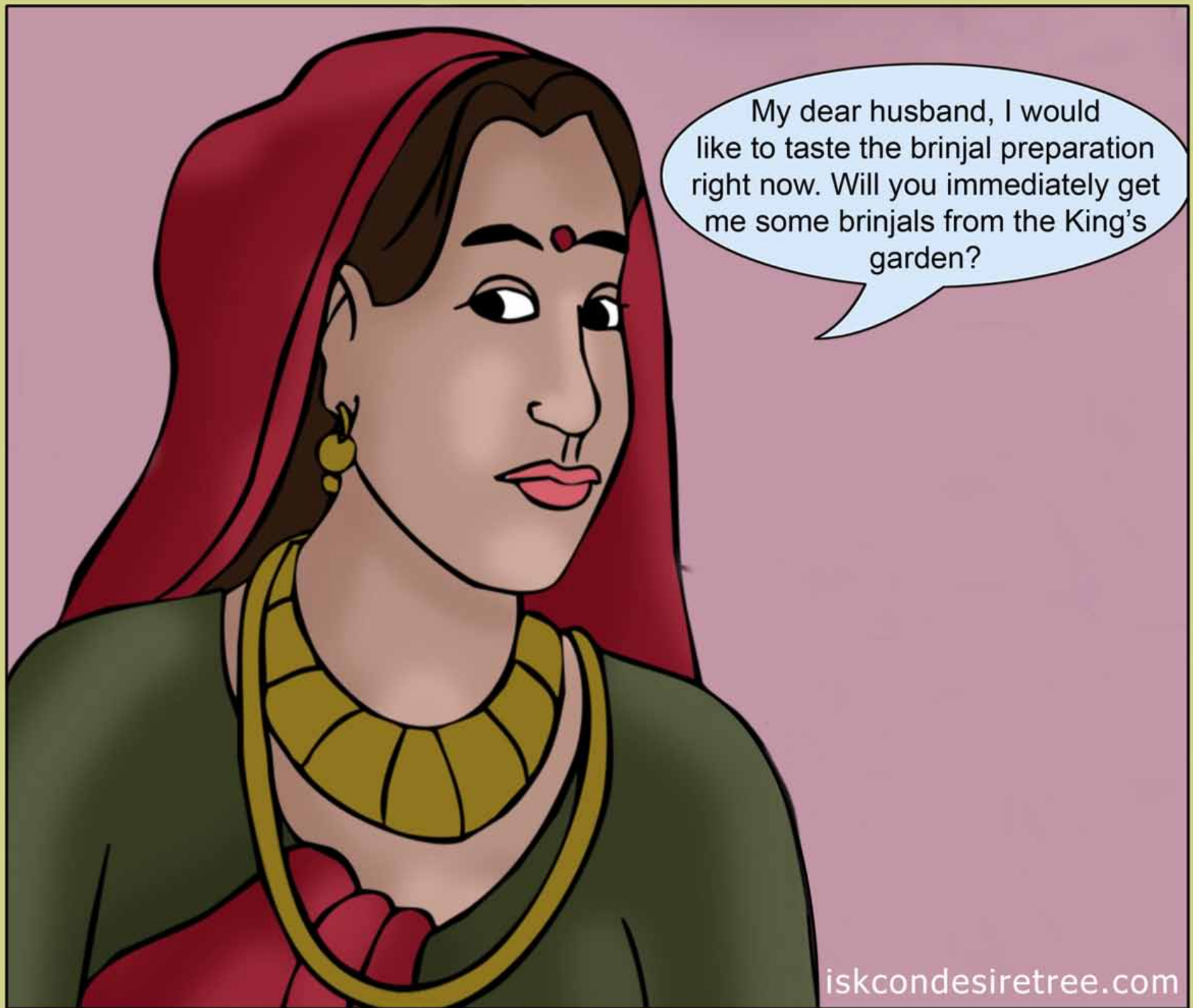
What was so special
about the brinjal preparation?
Was it better than the
preparation I make?

Yes. I cannot compare your preparation to the feast that we had. It is the the brinjals. They are so special & hence the preparation tasted so good. These brinjals are specially grown in the royal garden & are very special.



The way Tenalirama expressed about the feast especially the brinjal preparation, his wife wanted to taste it at once.





My dear husband, I would like to taste the brinjal preparation right now. Will you immediately get me some brinjals from the King's garden?

Actually, these brinjals are only meant for the King. No one can enter the garden. However, since you desire so strogly, I will try. Since it is so dark and the watchman also will be sleeping, I will go inside the garden and bring few brinjals for you. You can immediately cook the brinjals.



Tenalirama covered his head with a shawl and went inside the King's garden. But one of Rajpurohit's agents happened to see Tenalilrama while he was plucking the brinjals from the King's garden.




He reached home with the brinjals and gave them to his wife. His wife immediately cooked and made the brinjal preparation. The whole family had a nice feast.

Wow! It's very tasty! The royal brinjals are really very nice. Although we woke our son from deep sleep for brinjal feast, he finished his plate completely. He liked it very much.

Yes he finished his plate fast and has immediately gone to sleep.





What are you doing?
Why are you sprinkling water
and making his clothers
wet?

I am anticipating
something tomorrow.

The next day morning, Rajpurohit's agent started screaming.

Oh, Master! Tenalirama
has robbed the brinjals from
our King's garden!



Meanwhile, the King also got the news from his guards...

Alas!! Alas!! Someone
robbed the brinjals from
your garden




Who robbed the brinjals
from my garden? Find him & bring
him to my palace at once.




Rajpurohit immediately got up.....

There is no need to
search for the thief my dear
King, Tenalirama is the
thief!





Tenalirama has robbed?
Call him and his wife
immediately.



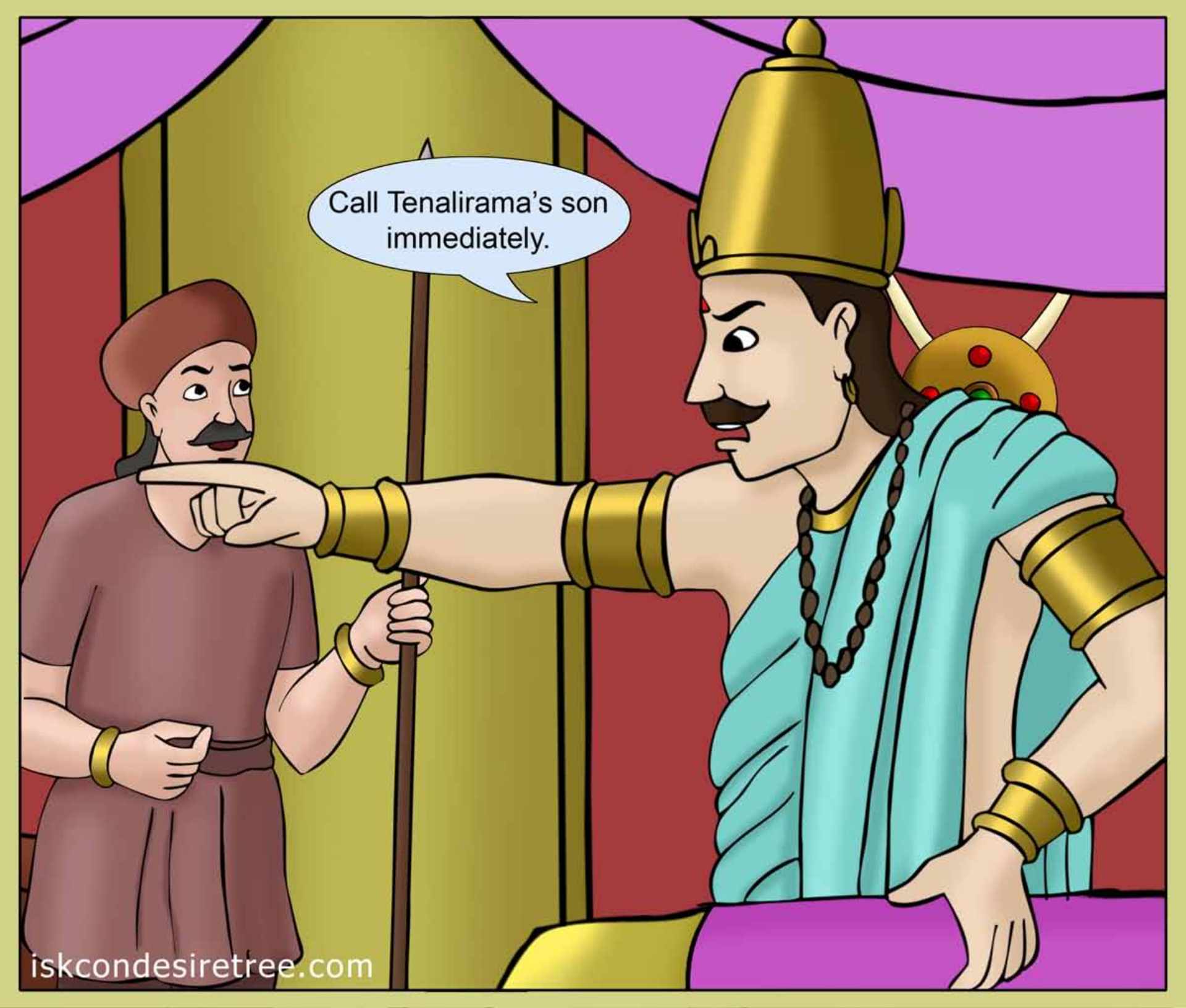
Did you rob the
brinjals from my garden
yesterday night?

How can
I ever dare
to do so?


He came back late
at night. Myself and our son
were fast asleep.

It is very difficult to know
the truth from Tenalirama
and his wife. Let me call his
son and get the facts.






Call Tenalirama's son
immediately.



Son, what have you
eaten yesterday night?



My dear King,
yesterday night I have
eaten very delicious
brinjal preparation.

At what
time?



I had the brinjal
preparation just before
it rained.



But
yesterday
there was
no rain
my son

It must have rained
yesterday night as my clothers
were wet in morning.

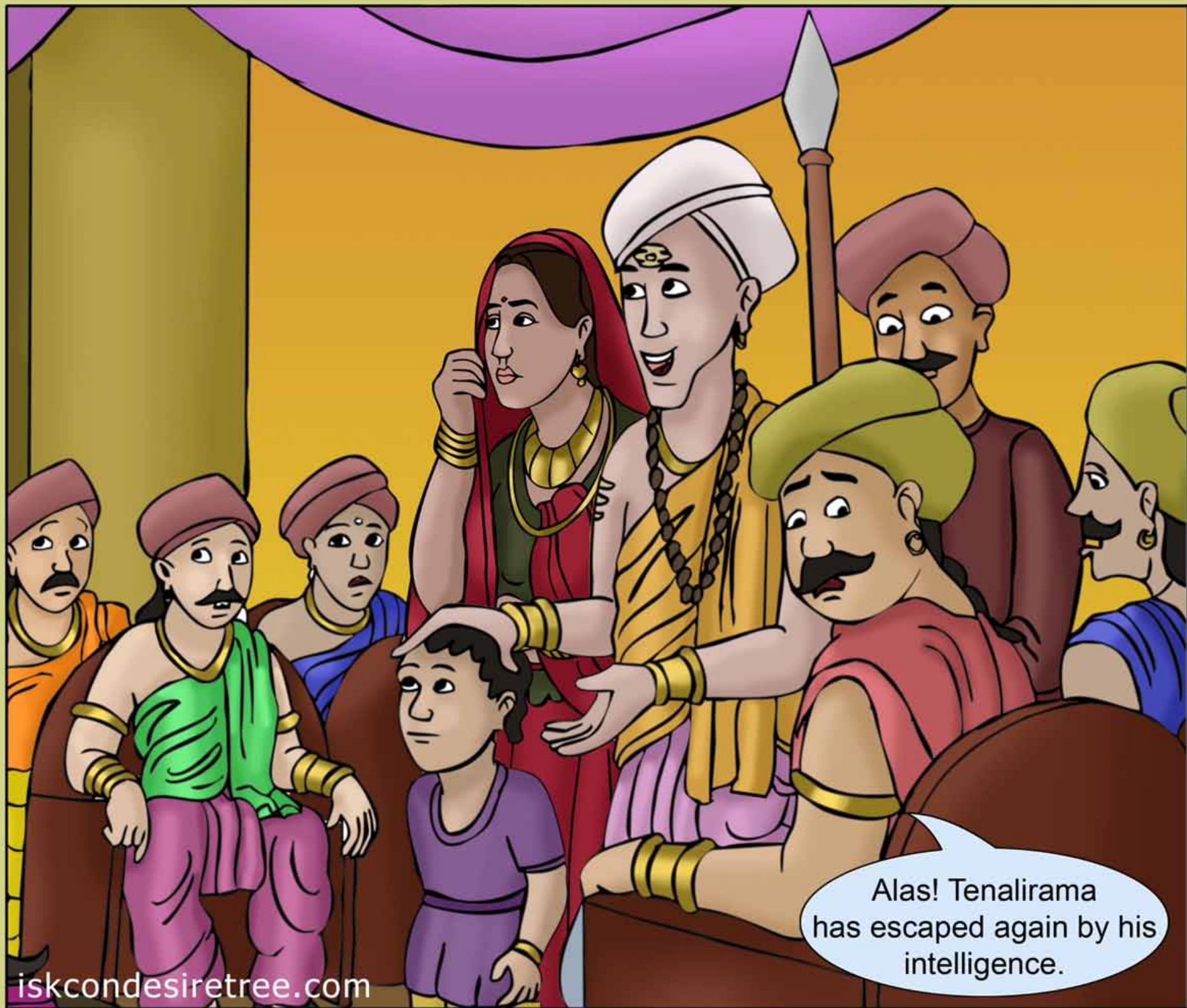


Tenalirama intervened and said ...

My dear King, in the dreams
what ever my son sees, he thinks
it is true! So I am sure that he
had a dream yesterday and
eaten the brinjal mixture

Yes. Children get strange dreams.
Yesterday there was no rain. He must have eaten
in his dreams. I am sorry for causing trouble to you &
your family. I invite all three of you to a royal
feast of brinjal preparation.





Alas! Tenalirama
has escaped again by his
intelligence.